



Training Room

Public Health Nurses' Training Returns!

Mark your calendars! The ISDH is offering public health nurse training on Friday, April 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hampton Inn in downtown Indianapolis. Training will be held in the Maryland Room of the hotel. This is the same training offered last November, so if you attended that training, this will have mostly the same information. Agenda items include:

- Communicable Disease Rule
- Case Investigation
- Hepatitis C Reporting
- Vaccine Preventable Diseases
- Respiratory Disease Update
- Lab Samples and Testing
- Syndromic Surveillance
- Confidentiality
- Information Release to Media
- Cultural Competency
- Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*
- Hepatitis B

There is no registration fee for this training. ISDH will reimburse participants for mileage and lodging according to the following:

1. Keep a copy of all receipts and record your mileage.
2. Submit a copy of all receipts to your county and either fax or mail a copy of receipts and your voucher to ISDH.
3. ISDH will reimburse the county and the county will reimburse you.
4. ISDH will not reimburse for tips given to baggage carriers.
5. Please include the departure time from your work station and arrival time back to your work station or home so that ISDH can reimburse for meals.
6. Lodging must show a zero balance.
7. You must travel 50 miles or more from your official station for ISDH to reimburse lodging costs.
8. Follow all state rules and regulations for travel.

All participants will receive a copy of the reimbursement guidelines and a travel voucher at the conference.

Please contact Pam Pontones at 317-233-7009 or, preferably, at ppontones@isdh.state.in.us by Monday, April 19 if you would like to attend the conference.

New Foodborne Illness Investigation Manual and Training Coming Soon!

The second edition of the Foodborne Illness Investigation Reference Manual will be available this spring for local health departments. In addition to an extensively revised text, the manual will also include updated contact information, charts, forms, and references. Two copies of the manual will be sent to each local health department, with additional copies available by request while supplies last.

Case investigation forms used by local health departments to investigate cases of reportable enteric diseases have also been updated and will be available on the ISDH website (www.statehealth.in.gov/) for easier access. “Quick Facts” fliers available on the ISDH website on various enteric diseases will also be updated or added, and will also be available in Spanish.

Representatives from the ISDH Epidemiology Resource Center and Food Protection Program will conduct foodborne illness investigation training after the manuals have been distributed. The training will include presentations on disease agents, surveillance, foodborne complaints, epidemiological investigation, and environmental investigation. The training will conclude with a tabletop exercise based on an actual outbreak. There will be no registration fee for this one-day training. Training will be offered at the following sites: Michigan City, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Jasper, and Scottsburg. Information regarding registration, locations, dates, and times will be provided at a later date.

Watch Groupwise and future issues of the Indiana Epidemiology Newsletter for more details!
